

Serial Number 09/766,170

ETH1626

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 31 and 39 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are amended. Claims 3, 15, 18, 23-30 and 32-38 are cancelled. Claim 39 is new. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of any intervening dependent claims. Without commenting on the merits of the outstanding rejections, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 18. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation to continue prosecution of the cancelled claims.

Applicants hereby grant the Commissioner permission to charge any fee required during the prosecution of this application to the undersigned's deposit account 10-0750/ETH1626/BST, including an extension of time to timely respond to the above cited Notice.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if a discussion would further the prosecution of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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